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• (C) Gunfire Continues in Kigali: Embassy Kigali reports fighting between RPF and Rwandan military. Contact with UNAMIR is sporadic; their involvement in any hostilities is uncertain. New army chief of staff COL Gotsinzi went to Kigali to "take control" of the army. RPF movements from northern Rwanda to Kigali remain unconfirmed, but are supported by American missionaries' reports of substantial fighting in the north. (Working Group/Embassy Kigali telcon)

• (U) Status of Americans: There are no reports of American deaths or injuries. The Kimihurura area in Kigali, where fifteen American families reside, has experienced significant gunfire. Eighteen Americans in northwest Rwanda at an Adventist University are safe despite violence on the school grounds. Five Americans at an orphanage in eastern Rwanda are safe, and accompanied by UNAMIR troops. (Working Group/Embassy Kigali and Embassy Nairobi telcons)

• (U) Evacuation Plans: The airport in Kigali remains closed, and is controlled by paramilitary commandos who have brought in eight unidentified anti-artillery pieces. Embassy Kigali is trying to arrange a military escort out of Kigali to facilitate an overland evacuation south to Burundi; RSO Bujumbura reports this road is clear. The security situation in Kigali, however, makes movement to consolidation points uncertain. The Ambassador has ordered Amcits to remain in their homes. (Working Group/Embassy Kigali telcon)

• (C) Belgian and French Response: The Belgians have requested U.S. air support for an evacuation, and seek USG support for their request to UNSYG Boutros-Ghali to change the UNAMIR mandate to include protection of Rwandan politicians at risk and evacuees. Otherwise, Belgium will consider re-nationalizing its troops. (Working Group/Embassy Brussels and Embassy Paris telcons)

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